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Ann Blankenhorn Senate Majority Policy Office

Senate Bill 216

Per your request for MACAE's input on Senate bill 216.

MACAE is in favor of multiple pathways for an adult (over the age of 18 years of age) to obtain High School Equivalency credential/Diploma. We support the Senate in looking at multiple pathways, to earning a High School Equivalency Certificate/Diploma besides using the GED assessment as the only basis for the High School Equivalency Certificate/Diploma.

The development of these pathways needs further discussion and study before adopting additional assessment that would result in a new equivalent credential. Equally critical is to involve/collaborate with post-secondary education and employers connected with our Adult Ed providers. In doing so, this will provide valuable input and give feedback on the validity, and viability of the High School Equivalency Certificate/Diploma. We feel that this is an important step to insure the seamless transition between education and employment.

If you would like more information, or would like to contact me, please call 248-449-1214 or cell phone 248-939-3330 email bsteeh@novischools.net

Thank you Bob Steeh President of MACAE

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